

The P R E F A C E.

to the present Circumstance of the Country and the British Constitution, that this Volumn may be of Use and Continue Valuable for many Years, without any Considerable Alterations.

The Care that this Governour has taken, during his Administration, to have due Honour paid to his Majesties Authority, To Assert his Prerogative, To Establish and Secure the Protestant Interest and Government of this Province, To Encourage Virtue, To Punish and Discountenance all Immorality and Prophaneness, To Support the Magistrates in the Administration of Justice, To give Prerogative and Priviledge their Rights, and, To Render unto All their Due, cannot but be Evident to every discerning Reader, by the Laws that appear to have been made to those good Ends. In the passing whereof there has been such Perfect Harmony betwixt the Right Honourable, the Lord Proprietor, and his Lordships Noble Guardian, their Governour, and the People of this Province, that not any one of those good Laws, that have been obtained by the Governour in the Country, have met with the least Discountenance from their Lordships, but so far as yet appears, have been favoured with their Applause and Approbation. A Demonstration that both Lords, Governour and People are unanimous in their Resolution of Duty to GOD and the KING.

In the Collection of these Laws, the Records and Original Rolls have been carefully Examined, and great care taken in the Preparing the Copy for the Press, and Printing it; But as the Copies (for Expedition sake) have been made by several Hands, and some only from Attested Copies, the Reader is desired to excuse what literal Mistakes may have happened either in the Copies or by the Remoteness of the Press, which rendred the Examination and Correction thereof Impracticable to the publisher; tho' it may be justly affirmed, There are none such to be found, but what are easy to be Corrected by the Readers own Observation.

I shall not longer try the Readers patience, save only, just to tell him, That, since the General Assembly of MARYLAND has Encouraged the Work, and I have done my best Endeavours to render it Compleat and Useful, I hope I shall not fail of being feelingly convinced how well he does approve it. I am,

Courteous Reader,

Your very Humble Servant,

EVAN JONES.